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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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In re Application of	:	
GEORGE J. MURAKAWA, ET AL.	:	Group Art Unit: 1814
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FOR: METHOD FOR AMPLIFICATION AND DETECTION OF RNA SEQUENCES	:	

AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116(b)

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Rewrite claim 18 as follows:

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--18. (Twice amended) A process for [discerning] detecting false negative data or false positive data in the identification of a target viral RNA sequence in a peripheral blood cell sample which comprises:

- (i) selecting said target viral RNA sequence;
- (ii) simultaneously subjecting
 - (a) said sample and
 - (b) at least one synthetic RNA reference sequence which does not include said target sequence or which includes substantially more nucleotides than said target sequence or which includes at least about 20 nucleotides less than said target sequence